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AT A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Government, held April 27, 1863, it was Voted, that in connection with the Annual Address and Reports of the last year, there should also be printed the Annual Address and Reports of the preceding year, with the Constitution of this Society, as worthy of preservation and wider circulation.

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CONSTITUTION.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the LADIES OF CHARLESTOWN feel a deep interest in the welfare of our beloved country and the measures taken to preserve its Constitution and uphold its Laws; AND WHEREAS they appreciate and sympathize with the noble spirit of the Citizen Soldiery of this city, now engaged in this patriotic service;

THEREFORE RESOLVED, That we hereby agree to form a Society for the purpose of holding communion with the families of those whose husbands, fathers and sons are absent on military duty, with a view to render them such assistance as they may require, in sympathy, in counsel, or in pecuniary aid; and for our government hereby adopt the following

Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called THE BUNKER HILL SOLDIERS' RELIEF SOCIETY; and its officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, who shall

together constitute a Board of Government with power to fill vacancies.

ARTICLE 2. The business of the Society shall be transacted by the Board of Government — and general meetings may be held whenever they deem it necessary.

ARTICLE 3. Ladies may become members of the Society by signing the Constitution.

ARTICLE 4. The President shall call all meetings of the Government and of the Society, and shall have the general supervision of its business.

ARTICLE 5. The Secretary shall keep a record of all Families and Persons requesting, or needing, the assistance of the Society, and also of its proceedings.

ARTICLE 6. The Treasurer shall have the care of the funds of the Society, and pay all bills, gratuities, and other expenditures, authorized by the Government.

ARTICLE 7. The Society shall continue so long as the necessity which calls for its organization and services shall exist, and shall hold its annual meeting on the 19th of April, or on the day following when that day falls on Sunday.

ARTICLE 8. This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Society.

Bunker Hill Soldiers' Relief Society.

ORIGINATED APRIL 19, 1861.

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" C. S. CARTEE,

" HENRY EDES.

Miss HANNAH OSGOOD,

" ELIZABETH BRAY,

" R. EDMANDS.

ADDRESSES AND REPORTS.

The first Annual Meeting of the BUNKER HILL SOLDIERS' RELIEF SOCIETY, was held in the Library Hall, April 19, 1862. Mrs. H. G. HUTCHINS, President of the Society, read the following —

A D D R E S S :

WE are met to observe the first anniversary of our Society. This day, the 19th of April, has become doubly consecrated to the citizens of the free States, by the concurrence of two memorable events, it being the day on which the first blood was shed in the war of the Revolution of 1775, and in the Rebellion begun in 1861.

While this war calls forth noble courage and patriotic sacrifices, on the part of the men of our country, it no less demands of the loyal women their aid, sympathy and hearty co-operation. When one year ago, we were all agitated and excited by the news of the rebellious attack made upon our government, feeling willing and anxious to do something, and yet not quite clear in our minds what our duty demanded of us, a young woman of our city, one of New England's active and spirited daughters, saw and pointed out a way, in which we could render service in the noble cause without intrenching on the duties of others.

It was proposed to form a Society of the women of our city, for the purpose of rendering aid and sympathy to the families of the patriot soldiers, who, at the first call of their country, left their peaceful homes, for the untried duties of the camp and battle field.

The proposal met with a hearty response from all, and this Society was at once organized. By the liberality of our citizens we have been supplied with the means necessary, not only to aid the families at home, but have been enabled to send clothing of various kinds and articles of luxury to the soldiers themselves. The letters of grateful acknowledgement, received from those we endeavor to relieve, have encouraged and stimulated us to renewed efforts.

The Board of Government have had their regular meetings to attend

to the financial affairs of the Society and to the calls of the families of the soldiers needing our assistance.

Our rooms have been open weekly throughout the year, to supply material for sewing, to those who wished to manifest their interest in the cause in that way. The work has been cut and given out, by a portion of the members of the society, who have in this case shown the most unremitting zeal and industry. They have been found at all times ready and willing for their duties, which have often been arduous.

The amount of sewing done shows that needlework, that important branch of domestic industry, has not been neglected by the women of Charlestown. If our soldiers in the field use their weapons of war with the same energy and accuracy of aim, with which our members have employed their little implement, the needle, many a disloyal rebel will regret the day that he left home to war upon the institutions of his country.

The increased interest manifested in the objects of our association is an encouragement to persevere in the work begun, and we have an additional incentive to continue our efforts from the marked success which has crowned the service in the field. While much has been accomplished, the progress of our troops into the rebel states opens the prospect of much more to be done, and I feel assured the members of this Society will persevere to the end.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our Soldiers that a life-time can hardly repay. How poor does the whole sum of our labors appear in comparison with the trials and sacrifices, the hardships and dangers, borne by the brave men of our army and navy.

What has been accomplished by the association, the aid furnished to the soldiers and their families and the amount expended, will be exhibited in detail by the report of the Secretary and Treasurer, soon to be laid before you.

In conclusion, allow me to thank those of you, with whom I have been associated the past year, for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me personally, and to assure you that, though I shall now retire from the duties of this office, I shall continue to cherish a deep interest in the welfare and success of this Association, and of the noble cause in behalf of which its labors are employed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. HENRY LYON, Secretary, read her Report—

This Society was formed “for the purpose of holding communion with the families of those whose husbands, fathers and sons are absent on military duty, with a view to render them such assistance as they may require, in sympathy, in counsel or pecuniary aid” — and this purpose has been constantly kept before us and persistently carried out. In the formation of our Society we labored under similar disadvantages with the General Government, which found itself, before aware of it, confronting difficulties the extent of which had not been foreseen, or imagined. Before the City, or Commonwealth, had made arrangements for the wants of those suddenly deprived of the means of support, twenty-five families had been assisted by this Society. Except in a few cases in which our views were misapprehended, we received the most cheerful encouragement — extreme cases soon occurred, and those ladies whose privilege it was to visit for eight consecutive weeks, a family where the mother and two children were prostrated with sickness, soon obtained an insight into the blessedness of their mission — similar cases occurred in most of which we had the happiness to feel that our visits were appreciatingly received. In two cases nurses were furnished and paid for by the Society during protracted sickness. We have on record the names of one hundred and thirty-five families, who, on application, have received in money or clothing according to their necessities. These families have been visited by one, or more, of the ladies of our Board of Government, and in many cases, especially where there has been sickness, or extreme destitution, the visits have been frequent. It is impossible to state with accuracy the number of visits made by us during the year, but a low estimate would be over one thousand.

We know that we have been the means of dispensing much good. We have had cases which would not have been reached by the Citizens' Committee, or State bounty. We have ministered to families of those who have enlisted in regiments in other States, which, by law, we un-

derstand, are cut off from receiving aid from either State. So far as our means would permit, we have aided them, giving a weekly allowance, which, though small, has been of great service to them.

It would be interesting, if there were time, to detail at length the various cases which have made strong demands upon our sympathy. We mention that of an orphan boy, five years of age, whose father was killed at the battle of Bull Run. He is now in charge of his aunt, who has children of her own and quite limited means of support. We have supplied him with clothing and hope that his case is one to come under the provisions of the pension law. We have also, in a few cases, given clothing and pecuniary aid to sailors' families.

But while we have not, for a moment, lost sight of the purpose for which the Society was formed, such was the readiness and desire of our ladies to be doing something for the Soldiers themselves, to contribute by every means in their power to their comfort and well being, that our operations were made to embrace what the name of the Society indicates, *Relief for the Soldier*, in every form. We early received a donation of \$100 from Peter Edes, Esq., a native of this city, now residing in New York, "for the benefit of the Volunteer Soldiers of Charlestown," and assured by the Citizens' Committee that we could not go amiss, we at once organized operations for the supply of all soldiers, enlisting in Charlestown, with flannel shirts, drawers, socks, &c., when needed.

As early as the 7th of May, two weeks after the organization of the Society, 348 articles had been forwarded to our soldiers, then at Washington.

When the orders came for volunteers, and enlistments were of those who resided in Charlestown, each soldier was furnished with every needed article.

Capt. Wright's company, enlisted in this city, was provided throughout with flannels, drawers, socks, &c. All who went from us, no matter in what Company, were furnished, on application in the same way.

Our records show that Charlestown members in Nims' Battery and Capt. Sibley's Company, were supplied by us with necessary articles, and that many articles were also sent to members in Col. Cowden's regiment and others.

Our Society responded freely to the call by the Sanitary Commission for necessaries and comforts for the wounded and sick in camps and hospitals.

We have sent hospital articles to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Baird, Washington ; to the 15th Reg't, Col. Devens, after the battle of Ball's Bluff; to Rev. J. H. Heywood at Louisville, Ky. ; to Wyandotte, Kansas ; to Dr. Elliott, St. Louis ; besides large contributions to the Sanitary Commission through Dr. Howe of Boston. Besides contributions in money and clothing, made for the specific purpose for which the Society was formed, we have to acknowledge the receipt of generous sums of money from the Officers of the U. S. ship Ohio, the officers of this Naval Station and others, which, with the amount received from the Citizens' Committee and other donations, are shown in detail in the Treasurer's Report. We would also express our obligation and thanks to Messrs. Grover & Baker, and Messrs. Wheeler & Wilson, for the loan of sewing machines to the present time.

We cannot conclude our Report without congratulating the Members of the Society upon the success which has attended its formation. So far as we know, it was the first organization, for the object contemplated by its Constitution, framed in this country. And the measure of usefulness in behalf of the soldier and his family, which it has been able to accomplish under the favor of Providence and by the liberality of our citizens, is a sufficient evidence of the felicity of the thought which prompted the undertaking.

Nor would we omit to acknowledge the kindness, attention and encouragement, which we have constantly received from the gentlemen of the Citizens' Committee and others from the first inception of our Society through the entire year of its labors.

In all our efforts in aid of the soldier and in behalf of his family, they have given advice and assistance which have been of great service to us and the cause in which we were engaged. And while thus cheerfully acknowledging our indebtedness to all who have aided us, we would not fail to express our firm reliance upon the Providence of God and our heartfelt gratitude for the blessings which crowned our endeavors.

Mrs. HENRY LYON.

CHARLESTOWN, April 19, 1862.

Dr. BUNKER HILL SOLDIERS' RELIEF SOCIETY in Acc't with ALMENA B. BATES, Tr. Cr.

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid for Dry Goods and Materials.....	\$327 35
Assistance to Families.....	331 42
Work at the Hall and elsewhere.....	18 68
For Fuel.....	9 75
For Boots, Shoes, &c.....	53 83
Sundries, Groceries, Stationery, &c.....	18 88
Balance—cash on hand.....	395 51

\$1825 42

RECEIPTS.

Cash Collection at City Hall.....	\$429 38
From F. A. Hall.....	25 00
Wm. S. Kent.....	25 00
R. Frothingham.....	25 00
Mrs. Reynolds of Boston.....	100 00
Peter Edes of New York.....	100 00
Mrs. Peter Hubbell.....	50 00
W. W. Wheelton.....	50 00
Isaac Osgood.....	40 00
James Hunnewell.....	100 00
Officers of the U. S. ship Ohio.....	66 29
Officers of the Naval Station.....	50 00
Citizens' Committee—Expenditures for Soldiers.....	591 25
By donations from \$1 to \$10.....	172 50

\$1825 42

Bunker Hill Soldiers' Relief Society.

1862.

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MRS. GEORGE A. KETTEL.

MRS. H. G. HUTCHINS and MRS. S. T. HOOPER, were elected Honorary Members of the Board.

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MISS LOUISA BRAY.

Assistants,

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MRS. B. EDMANDS.

" J. A. BATES,

" HENRY EDES.

MISS MARTHA FROTHINGHAM,

MISS HANNAH OSGOOD.

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" S. S. BLANCHARD,

" GEO. A. WHITING,

" E. P. CUTLER,

ADDRESSES AND REPORTS.

The Second Annual Meeting was held in the Library Hall, April 20, 1863. After prayer, by Rev. O. C. EVERETT, the President Mrs. O. C. EVERETT read the following Address —

Members of the Bunker Hill Soldiers' Relief Society:

We have met to-day, on this Second Anniversary of the formation of our Society, to listen to the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, and to choose Officers for the coming year. Several changes have been made in the Board of Government by removal, sickness and death. One,* who was actively engaged with us through the early part of the year, and by her ready kindness, gentle manners and cheerful spirit, had won all hearts, soon after being chosen a member of the Executive Committee, was called to a higher sphere of duty. Her summons was sudden, but we believe she was prepared to meet it. May we also be found with our lamps trimmed and burning.

Before the Reports are presented, allow me in a few words to state the object of the Society, and the requisites for membership. The original purpose of the Society was to relieve the families of those men, who at short notice so nobly and quickly responded to their Country's call for volunteers in her defence. Soon our State Government took these families under their care, and by granting "State Aid" relieved us of this duty

Then came the demand for more troops, and with all means at her disposal, the State was unable to meet this new call, except by calling upon cities and towns to aid in clothing the men. This was our second object, and many suits of strong and serviceable underclothing were made and forwarded.

As our State Government became more accustomed to warfare and better prepared for the new claims upon their resources, the war also was extended, sickness came into the camp, battles were fought, the

*Mrs. R. G. LOCKWOOD.

sick and wounded were to be cared for, and Hospitals became necessary. This was a new call upon our National Government; a call, which with its best endeavors, it could not easily meet. Societies and individuals were called upon to aid in the great work. The women of Bunker Hill were anxious to do something in this new field; but the funds so generously contributed to meet the previous calls were mostly expended. One of our liberal citizens, by a timely donation, enabled us to commence Hospital work, and soon our Treasury was liberally supplied by the love and patriotism of our friends and brothers in San Francisco, "former residents of Charlestown." To them for ourselves, and our sick and wounded brothers, we would express our warmest and most heartfelt gratitude.

Thus, aid to families of early volunteers, underclothing for the first quota of "three years' volunteers," and assistance to our sick and wounded soldiers, have been the three objects to which this Society has given its funds and its labors. The call for the first two objects has mainly passed, but our energies and means are needed for the latter class. Let us be faithful to the duty.

It may be asked, "What constitutes membership?" In the first formation of our "Relief Society," every woman in our city, who felt an interest in her Country's welfare, was invited to join; every woman, who signed the call, was considered a member. No assessment was laid, but every woman was invited to give of the labor of her hands. We regret that this invitation has not been more generally accepted. The labor of the Society has devolved on a few; these have been unwearied in their work, with willing hands and cheerful hearts, laboring in season and out of season.

Women of Charlestown, the call is still for more laborers. Who of you has not some loved one among our brave soldiers? Who will care for that loved one in his hour of need, if you in your home manifest no interest in his behalf? Ought you to expect others to minister to his wants, if you are not faithful in the use of means within your own reach? Our rooms are open every week. Will you not give of your *time*, according to *ability*, to aid us in the great work devolving upon us?

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary of the Bunker Hill Soldiers' Relief Society, in presenting her Second Annual Report, congratulates the Society upon the extent and success of its operations. What was intended, originally, for a temporary organization for the relief of the immediate wants of the families of our own citizens suddenly called to the field in defence of the nation, at the outbreak of the rebellion, has become in the course of events an institution of enlarged purposes, embracing in its operations not only the relief of soldiers' families, but also that of the soldiers, (and to a less extent of sailors,) wherever they may be — whether contending for our dearest rights and liberties in the field, or lying sick and wounded in the hospital.

Nor are our operations confined exclusively to the relief of those from our own city — while we have labored assiduously to seek out and minister to the wants of those who have gone out from amongst us, the result of our labors has been to relieve and comfort many soldiers from other States as well as our own.

We have assisted in sending faithful and efficient nurses to the Hospitals, who have kept us informed of the condition of the patients and been supplied, as far as was in our power, with everything needful for their comfort.

Boxes to the number of one hundred and ten, containing cordials, delicacies and food for the sick, bandages, chloroform and lint for the wounded, clothing for the convalescent, have been sent to —

Portsmouth Grove Hospital, Rhode Island.

New England Rooms, New York.

Mrs. J. C. Reeves, Philadelphia.

Mrs. John Frost, do.

Mrs. J. A. L. Morrell, do.

Miss Anna M. Ross, do.

Mrs. Streeter, Baltimore.

Mrs. Royal T. Church, Baltimore.

Miss Clara Gosnell, Baltimore.
Miss A. Gibbs, Annapolis.
Mr. G. H. Leman, Alexandria.
Miss D. L. Dix, Washington.
Mrs. M. A. Wilson, do.
Massachusetts Soldiers' Relief Association, Washington.
Dr. David Huntington, Fortress Monroe.
Mr. C. Barclay, do. do.
Mrs. Wyman and others, Point Look Out, Md.
Dr. William Ingalls, Newbern, N. Carolina.
Lieut. R. B. Hall, New Orleans.
Lieut. Jas. H. Harris, do.
Marine Hospital, Chelsea.
Gilbert Bantz, Frederick, Maryland.
Discharged Soldiers' Home, Boston.

Besides garments and articles of various kinds distributed to soldiers on the eve of their departure for the war, or sent to them in the field.

We have also sent various articles for the comfort of the sailors to the U. S. steamer Housatonic, Susquehanna, &c., having been provided with funds especially for that purpose, by one of the most liberal contributors to our treasury, who felt that the sailor should not be forgotten.

While laboring thus in behalf of the soldier and sailor, we have kept in view the original purpose of our organization, viz : to render every possible assistance in sympathy and pecuniary aid to those families, where, owing to sickness or the non-receipt of expected remittances, some assistance was required.

Our Executive Committee, through Sub-Committees of two, appointed from their number at each meeting as a visiting Committee, have given their personal attention to all who have been known to stand in need of sympathy, comfort or aid, and we have the grateful consciousness of knowing that our labors in this respect have been appreciated.

We have the record of more than a hundred families who have been visited and who have received aid in money, groceries, clothing, &c. Several of the families, in which there has been protracted sickness, have received continued aid for a long time. In addition, many families have been assisted by members of the Executive Committee in some

cases to a considerable amount, of which no report has been made, nor has any record been kept of large quantities of fuel distributed by us.

That the Society has enjoyed the confidence of the community has been evinced by the liberal donations of money, clothing, cordials, groceries and articles necessary for the comfort of the sick and wounded, with which we have been favored. We have contributed time and labor to the cause, and we have never wanted for means to carry out the operations.

The Treasurer's Report gives in detail the sources of our supply, and the number of garments and articles made and sent to the hospitals. Of these we have record of 300 articles well made at one meeting — July 9th — at which 170 persons were present. With this exception, the work has been done by a few persons, whose continued interest and untiring labor have produced results so gratifying; and the Executive Committee gratefully acknowledge their obligation to the Superintendent of the Cutting Department, with her corps of able assistants, to whose energy and unwearied labor the Society is much indebted.

The Executive Committee of the Soldiers' Relief Society, (Gentlemen), have always been ready to assure us by their acts, that there would not in any event be a failure of funds when wanted; and the Union Relief Committee, by a timely contribution, enabled us to enlarge our sphere of operations. We cannot omit to mention, with feelings of gratitude, the Bunker Hill Association, of San Francisco, whose noble munificence is a monument to their patriotism and generosity, more enduring than the shaft raised to perpetuate the deeds of their fathers. We have endeavored to show them our appreciation of their remembrance of their native city, by sending the "California Hundred" various articles essential to their comfort and health, such as we had provided for our own soldiers.

Among the recent labors of the Society, the fitting up a room in the Discharged Soldiers' Home, is conspicuous. The funds for this object, amounting to \$515.06, were specially contributed. The expense of fitting up amounted to \$383.43, leaving a balance of \$131.63.

The question is often asked us, "Why do you not make your contributions for the soldiers through the Sanitary Commission?" With the fullest appreciation of the untold advantages which our soldiers have derived from the operations of that great institution, we have felt that they left something for others to do, and we have endeavored to supply that

want. It will be seen that we have sought to do for our own what can be but imperfectly done by the operations of an institution which seeks to do for all. Our Society was the earliest (of which we have knowledge) formed with the object of relieving the suffering caused by this wicked rebellion, so suddenly brought home to us by the hurried departure of those who went from amongst us to uphold the sacred cause of our liberties and the Constitution. Our efforts have been to ameliorate and relieve individual condition, feeling that if each community should take care of its own, all would be taken care of.

As we understand their operations, the Sanitary Commission seeks to operate for the good of the whole, and contributions for individuals cannot be recognized by them. This alone would deprive us of the *power* of joining them, as our largest contributions have been accompanied by the express condition of devoting them to the sick and wounded of Charlestown.

We have contributed largely to the comfort of those not directly of us, through the general Hospitals at different points, and in an essential manner through the Massachusetts State Agency at Washington. Several of our members and friends have visited Washington, during the past year, and have been conversant with the operations of the Massachusetts Soldiers' Relief Society at the Capitol — the result of whose observation and experience has been to confirm the high opinion we had otherwise formed of the value and importance of what they had done, and are doing, for the good of the soldier.

On that memorable Sunday, the 31st of August, when the hearts of all were electrified and stirred to action by the intelligence that so many of our soldiers were lying wounded and dying on the battle-field and in the hospitals, and felt that they could not do too much for their relief, we directed our contributions to the Massachusetts State Agency at Washington, and we have ever felt that we gave the best direction to them possible. Since then we have been in more or less frequent communication with the managers of that institution, and it has our entire confidence.

We cannot close this Report without expressing our sense of the kindness and courtesy of the Warren Institution for Savings, and the Trustees of the Public Library, whose rooms, affording us ample accommodation, we have occupied these two years, free, so far as we have known, of any rent. All corporations are *not* without souls.

Our thanks are also due to Messrs. Wheeler & Wilson, and to Messrs Grover & Baker, Boston, for the continued loan of their sewing machines, without which our report of garments made, must have fallen far short of the present.

In conclusion, without individualizing, we have to express our obligations and thanks for the many timely contributions and the valuable services rendered us by those who have filled a place, which only those situated like ourselves can appreciate.

E. T. LYON, Secretary.

CHARLESTOWN, April 20, 1863.

HOSPITAL CLOTHING.

The following is a list of clothing, &c., forwarded to hospitals and elsewhere, during the past year, ending April 18, 1863 :— 310 coats and jackets ; 27 vests ; 34 pairs of pants ; 12 pairs shoes ; 176 pairs slippers ; 1167 flannel and cotton shirts ; 1004 cotton and flannel drawers ; 1796 pairs of socks ; 96 dressing gowns ; 285 caps ; 54 havelocks ; 1044 flannel bands ; 17 pairs mittens ; 698 cravats ; 30 scarfs ; 16 pairs suspenders ; 32 collars ; 81 work bags ; 963 needle cases ; 7403 handkerchiefs.

HOSPITAL STORES.

2 barrels of whiskey ; 14 demijohns whiskey ; 8 demijohns brandy ; 5 demijohns wine ; 148 bottles of whiskey ; 91 do cologne ; 84 do brandy ; 37 do bay rum ; 36 do Velpeau's cordial ; 30 do currant wine ; 30 do lemon syrup ; 27 do sherry wine ; 24 do tamarinds ; 19 do elderberry wine ; 18 do gin ; 17 do maderia wine ; 14 do blackberry wine ; 13 do native wine ; 12 do barberry syrup ; 10 do port wine ; 10 do California hock ; 7 do Victoria wine ; 6 do blueberry wine ; 6 do grape wine ; 8 do alcohol ; chloroform ; cider ; 2 barrels crackers ; 4 boxes do ; oatmeal ; tapioca ; sago ; bromo ; corn starch ; maizena ; farina ; arrowroot ; groats ; gelatine ; chocolate ; cocoa ; tea ; sugar ; tomatoes ; pickles ; maccaroni ; condensed milk ; currant jelly ; guava ; lemons ; raisins ; mustard ; figs ; onions ; dried apples.

HOSPITAL FURNITURE, &c.,

INCLUDING ARTICLES FURNISHED FOR ROOM NO. 28, DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' HOME.

7 bedsteads ; 7 tables ; 7 cane seat chairs ; 1 large invalid do ; 1 rocking chair and cushion ; 1 clock ; 1 book case ; 4 looking glasses ; 3 pictures ; 4 maps ; 7 palm leaf matrasses ; 7 hair do ; 6 strips of carpet ; 2 hassacks ; 4 spittoons ; 19 quilts, &c. ; 36 blankets ; 583 sheets ; 497 pillow cases ; 104 pillows ; 5318 towels ; 35 holders ; 30 hair rings ; 176 pairs hospital slippers ; 6 silent comforters ; palm leaf fans ; 1 case do forwarded to N. E. Rooms, N. Y. ; bibles ; testaments ; books of psalms ; games ; inkstands ; books ; pamphlets ; newspapers ; sponges ; matches ; Rochelle powders ; Castile soap ; brown

do ; adhesive plaster ; lint and bandages ; compresses ; old linen and cotton ; eye shades ; 6 nurse lamps ; 4 waiters ; 2 farina kettles ; 2 bean pots ; 3 coffee pots ; 4 pitchers ; plates ; cups and saucers ; mugs ; bowls ; tin kettles ; spoons ; ladles ; pudding boilers ; tunnels ; skimmers ; dippers ; quart pans ; tin plates ; salts ; 6 match boxes ; 86 hair brushes ; 160 combs.

We are indebted in a great measure to individuals for liberal contributions of liquors and other hospital stores. Our largest contributors being Messrs. O. H. Hay & Co., for the amount of \$50.00 in dry goods ; Peter Hubbell, Esq., for a box of tea ; James Hunnewell, Esq., for a barrel of tin ware, &c., and John McDonald, Esq., for a large supply of hospital clothing.

ALMENA B. BATES, Treasurer.

CHARLESTOWN, April 20, 1863.

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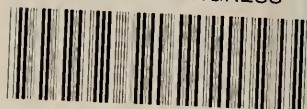
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After the election of Officers for the current year, the President invited any who were present and felt disposed to make any remarks, to rise, with the assurance that they would be kindly heard. Judge Fernald of Washington, D. C., who has been one of the efficient Agents of the Massachusetts Relief Association, then arose and spoke of the operations of that Association, and of the timely and generous assistance received from this Society. He was followed by Hon. Richard Frothingham, Rev. J. B. Miles and Rev. O. C. Everett, with congratulations for the good accomplished, and for the hope and encouragement presented for the future. The meeting was then adjourned amid many smiles and mutual congratulations.

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